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The errors and corrections appear below.

Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This appln claims benefit of 60/181,276 02/09/2000

Enclosed are copies of the Filing Receipt with changes noted in red, the Declaration for Patent Application and the first page of specification.

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Pursuant to instructions in the February 29, 2000 O.G., we hereby request that the errors which are identified above be corrected in the captioned application to which this request for correction is directed. It is understood that the Patent Office will issue an automatically-generated, corrected Filing Receipt in this and, if applicable, any other affected applications.

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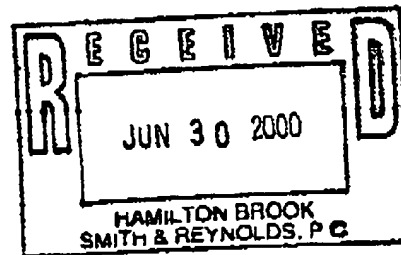
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TRANSITION-TIME CONTROL IN A HIGH-SPEED DATA TRANSMITTER

RELATED APPLICATION(S)

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/181,276, filed February 9, 2000, the entire teachings of which are incorporated
5 herein by reference.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The transition time, rise time or fall time, of an output driver is the time required for the output signal to slew between two voltages, typically 20% and 80% of full swing. In certain prior-art systems, for example, transition time must be maintained
10 larger than a specified minimum value to keep the derivative of the supply current, and hence the inductive switching noise (sometimes called simultaneous switching output (SSO) noise), within limits. At the same time, transition time must be kept smaller than a maximum value to avoid excessive delay of the signal.

Across variations in process parameters, supply voltage, and temperature,
15 transition time can vary by a considerable amount, often by a factor of two or more. In some applications, the spread between maximum and minimum values for transition time is wide enough so that this variation is acceptable. In other applications, however, the window of legal transition times is small and such a large variation in transition time is unacceptable.

20 Transition time control has been employed in prior art systems with relatively slow signaling rates, where the bit time is greater than 10 gate delays. At such data rates, transition time can be controlled by using a tapped delay line to sequence the

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed in the signatory page(s) commencing at page 3 hereof) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

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the specification of which (check one)

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(c) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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